

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 20, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Daniel Abbott, praying to be allowed a pension, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report:*

That the petitioner sets forth that he enlisted into the service of the United States, as private in the 31st infantry, in the spring of 1814, for during the war, and was honorably discharged on the 6th of June, 1815; that in the month of July he was detached to act as waiter to Lieutenant Moore, of a rifle corps, and while in the line of his duty as such waiter he was ordered to water the horses of his officer; that he rode one and led the other; that the horses took fright, by which he was thrown and received a cut over his left eyebrow, which resulted in the loss of his eyesight; that the other eye has also been affected.

The rolls at the office of the Third Auditor show that the petitioner enlisted and was discharged as stated by him; but they afford no evidence that he was disabled while in service, or that he was detached as waiter to Lieutenant Moore.

In such cases the rule of the department is that parol testimony cannot be admitted to disprove the record of the rolls. The testimony furnished on this point is not satisfactory, could it be received.

Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

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Mr. Tamm presented the following

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